

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13 and 14 remain pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 13 are amended; and claims 6 and 12 are canceled.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication in numbered paragraph 5, page 3 of the final Office Action, that claims 6, 7, 12 and 13 contain allowable subject matter; and the Examiner's indication in numbered paragraph 6 of the final Office Action that claim 14 is allowed. In response, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6, correcting the appropriate dependencies, and canceling claims 6 and 12.

In numbered paragraph 3, page 2 of the final Office Action, independent claim 1, along with various dependent claims, is rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,076,304 (Deucher). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

However, in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the application towards allowance, the above amendments are made to place claims 1-5, 7-11, 13 and 14 in condition for allowance.

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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